

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1283

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to commend Stuart McWhorter for honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Stuart McWhorter has served since March 22, 2020, as the lead of the COVID-19 Unified Command Group, a five-person task force established by Governor Bill Lee to improve coordination between State departments and agencies on the coronavirus response within the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McWhorter will soon leave this position, bringing to a close an exemplary tenure of devoted, capable service to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, prior to his current position, Stuart McWhorter had served with distinction as the commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration after having been appointed to that august office by Governor Bill Lee in January 2019; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Department of Finance and Administration, Commissioner McWhorter guided the department with intellect, drive, commitment, and an affinity for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Brentwood, Commissioner Stuart McWhorter received his Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Clemson University and his Master of Health Administration degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, prior to entering public service, Commissioner McWhorter served as the co-founder and chairman of Clayton Associates, a venture investment firm primarily focused on the early stage investment cycle in the healthcare and technology industries; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished professional, he has also served as the chief executive officer of the Nashville Entrepreneur Center, a Nashville-based innovation hub that helps entrepreneurs create, launch, and grow scalable businesses; and

WHEREAS, a respected and trusted leader, Mr. McWhorter has rendered sterling service as a member of the board of directors of FirstBank Financial Corporation and lent his time and talents to a variety of organizations, including Belmont University, Clemson University Foundation, Tennessee Business Roundtable, Blood:Water Mission, YMCA of Middle Tennessee, Nashville Public Education Foundation, Hospital Hospitality House, St. Luke's Community Center, The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, and Nashville's Agenda; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Commissioner McWhorter is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Leigh Anne Hendrix McWhorter, and their five children; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Stuart McWhorter is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Stuart McWhorter for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.